GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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SPORTS PROMOTION SCHEME FOR RURAL WOMEN PLAYERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to launch a sports promotion scheme for rural women players in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with special features of the scheme;

(c) whether some criteria to involve States and Territories in the scheme has been evolved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented effectively?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to launch any new sports promotion scheme for rural women players. However, Government is already implementing a scheme named as `Sports Festival for Women` under which Block, District, State and National level sports competitions are organised involving women players.For organization of Block, District and State level sports competitions in the disciplines of Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Swimming and Tennis, grants are released to Sports Authority of India (SAI), which, in turn, releases to the State/UT governments on receipt of Utilization Certificates of previous years grant.National level sports competitions are also organised by the Sports Authority of India involving women sports players form all over the country.